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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.
 - \$84 for 3 independent claims over 3
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 214.

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Applicant: Bulucea, Constantin
Assignee: National Semiconductor Corporation
Title: Gate-Enhanced Junction Varactor With Gradual Capacitance Variation
Serial No.: 10/054,653 Filing Date: January 18, 2002
Examiner: Unknown Group Art Unit: Unknown
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San Jose, California
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL
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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 15, 2002, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. A declaration signed by the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; and
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Filing Date Granted.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2386:

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| 1. | Surcharge for filing declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application. | \$130.00 |
| 2. | Additional Claim Fees for 3 independent claims over 3 | 84.00 |
| 3. | TOTAL FEES: | 214.00 |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

To avoid delay, Applicant's attorney has authorized the PTO to charge \$84 to Deposit Account 19-2386 for "3 independent claims over 3". However, Applicant's attorney does not understand the reason for the charge.

In particular, the application was filed with six independent claims. At \$84 per independent claim in excess of 3, the 18 January 2002 transmittal letter that accompanied the application authorized the PTO to charge \$252 to Deposit Account 19-2386 for the three extra independent claims. As far as Applicant's attorney is aware, the fee for each independent claim in excess of 3 was indeed \$84 on 18 January 2002 when the application was filed. Accordingly, no additional fee for excess independent claims would seem to be due to the PTO.

If Applicant's attorney is correct about the additional fee for excess independent claims, either please do not charge the \$84 additional independent claim fee to Deposit Account 19-2386 or refund that fee.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above patent application and justify the filing date of January 18, 2002. Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 453-9200, ext. 1371, if there are any questions. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

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